

his retirement and ask that the U.S. Senate join me in thanking Dr. Barton for his lifelong career of service.●

125TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE FOUNDING OF PIERRE, SOUTH DAKOTA

● Mr. JOHNSON. Mr. President, I wish today to recognize the 125th anniversary of the founding of one of South Dakota's great cities, Pierre. Pierre is the capital of the State, and the county seat of Hughes County. Pierre boasts a robust economy and exceptional quality of life, and things are only getting better for this dynamic city.

Pierre was founded in July of 1878, preceding the arrival of the Chicago and North Western Railroads 2 years later. Taking its name from the French fur trader, Pierre Chouteau, Pierre was designated the State capital in 1889. Pierre's citizens are justly proud of their city's history, and they have undertaken numerous successful projects designed to preserve and celebrate this heritage.

Today, Pierre is the major trade center of central South Dakota and enjoys an economy mixed with government, agriculture, and plenty of good hunting and fishing with nearby Oahe Dam. The Capital's many attractions include the Capitol Building, built in 1910, and the Fighting Stallions, World War II, Korean, and Vietnam Memorials.

The 125th anniversary celebrations are to be held June 18-22, and include the 19th Annual Dakota Duck Derby, parade, fireworks, watermelon eating contest, and antique car show. The Anniversary Gala will bring together the current and past mayors of Pierre to reminisce and appreciate the history of the South Dakota capital.

Pierre combines the warmth and friendliness of a small town with the vibrancy associated with larger communities. I am pleased to recognize the achievements of Pierre and to offer my congratulations to the residents of the city on this historic milestone.●

125TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE FOUNDING OF ONIDA, SOUTH DAKOTA

● Mr. JOHNSON. Mr. President, today I pay tribute to the 125th anniversary of the founding of the city of Onida, SD. As the county seat of Sully County, this vibrant, progressive community has been a center of commercial and civic activity since its inception.

The site which Onida is built on was chosen by Charles Agar, Charles Holmes, and Frank Brigham of Oneida NY. Within a month of raising the single place of lodging in Onida for land-seekers, the city gained a grocer, hardware store, and post office. When declared the seat of Sully County, a courthouse, permanent hotel, multiple grocers, and a bank were soon to follow.

Today, Onida is a prime example of the natural beauty and recreation in

South Dakota that follows the Louis and Clark Trail up the Missouri River. Its business sector encompasses a wide variety of trades from agriculture, automotive, finance, and tourist amenities. Hunting and fishing are significant draws of the area, and support many local resorts based on such recreational activity.

Onida will be celebrating its quasiquicentennial during the Oahe Days in early August. Even 125 years after its founding, Onida continues to be a vital community and a great asset to South Dakota. I am proud to publicly honor Onida on this memorable occasion. The citizens of Onida are continuing to live up to their motto: miles and miles of sunflower smiles.●

125TH ANNIVERSARY OF ROSCOE, SOUTH DAKOTA

● Mr. JOHNSON. Mr. President, today I wish to recognize the community of Roscoe, SD, on reaching the 125th anniversary of its founding. Located in Edmunds County, Roscoe is a rural community infused with hospitality, beauty, and an exceptional quality of life.

Having come far since Sam Basford and Charles Purchase Morgan used a tent as a hotel in April 1883, Roscoe was named after Charles Morgan's good friend Roscoe Conkling. The combination of Basford, Morgan, Engle, and Elliot's land toward the creation of Roscoe led to its importance as a transportation center in 1886 for the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Railroad. From the boom of migration westward, Roscoe persevered and prospered through life's trials in the great frontier.

Today, Roscoe is still a thriving community. There are upwards of 30 active businesses operating in Roscoe, including one of the largest honeybee farms in the Nation, two farm equipment dealerships, seed dealerships, and a post. Roscoe's school is still running, and the town boasts several churches and a public library.

The people of Roscoe celebrated this momentous occasion on the weekend of July 4-6. A parade, car show, and local entertainment kick off the celebration, with picnics, art, and games in the beautiful city park. One hundred and twenty five years after its founding, Roscoe remains a vital community and a great asset to the wonderful State of South Dakota. I am proud to honor Roscoe on this historic milestone.●

125TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE FOUNDING OF GETTYSBURG, SOUTH DAKOTA

● Mr. JOHNSON. Mr. President, today I wish to honor the city of Gettysburg, SD, and to recognize the 125th anniversary of its founding. Situated in Potter County, Gettysburg's history and success is a testament to the great State of South Dakota.

Gettysburg was settled in 1883 by 200 Civil War veterans, thus sharing its

name with the historical Pennsylvania battle. In fact, many street, township, and community names in Potter County mimic Civil War history. The Chicago and Northwestern Railroads were a significant boost to the Gettysburg economy, and promoted a thriving agricultural and economic community. Gettysburg even boasts of the first swimming pool in the State of South Dakota being nearby.

The 125th anniversary celebration will be held June 27-29, kicking off with an all class reunion. The festivities include a parade, ping-pong ball drop, antique car show, and banquet. For activities outside the celebration weekend, the Gettysburg Country Club's fantastic golf course and Dakota Sunset Museum are a testament to the city's progressive nostalgia.

Mr. President, it has been my honor to represent the citizens of Gettysburg as a Member of Congress since 1986. I am proud to publicly recognize Gettysburg and congratulate the community on this achievement. As the people of Gettysburg take this opportunity to appreciate how far the city has come from its beginnings, I know they will understand the important role Gettysburg plays in making South Dakota the great State that it is.●

125TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE FOUNDING OF HOVEN, SOUTH DAKOTA

● Mr. JOHNSON. Mr. President, today I pay tribute to the 125th anniversary of the founding of the community of Hoven, SD. After 125 years, this progressive community in the Blue Blanket Valley will have a chance to reflect on its past and future, and I congratulate the people of Hoven for all that they have accomplished.

Dating back to the Louisiana Purchase in 1803, the establishment of the Dakota Territory in 1861, and the Homestead Act of 1862, Hoven is located in Potter County of northeast South Dakota. Settled in 1883 east of Swan Lake, the enterprising prairie town boasted two general stores, a bank, a newspaper, a jewelry store, and two saloons to name only a few businesses. The grand "Cathedral of the Prairies" has graced the skyline of Hoven since its completion in the early 20th century.

The quasiquicentennial festivities over the Fourth of July weekend commence at twilight with a fireworks display. Additionally, the celebration will include a 5K, softball and golf tournaments, a parade, and a "Missed" Hoven Pageant, for any males desiring to compete for a pageant crown.

Known today as the "little town with the big church," Hoven has grown into a credit to the State of South Dakota with its business prosperity. The people of Hoven will celebrate their achievements July 4-6. I am proud to join with the community members of Hoven in celebrating the last 125 years and looking forward to a promising future.●